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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our most important job is listening to you – the working people who keep this state moving.

On January 8, state lawmakers convened in Olympia for what promises to be an historic legislative session. We'll face huge obstacles as we look for ways to ease traffic congestion, help our children learn, and keep our neighborhoods safe.

We'll be looking for creative solutions to tough challenges, and we'd like to hear from you. Please contact us if you have any ideas that could improve the quality of life we all enjoy in King and Snohomish Counties.

We want your voice to be heard. If there's a problem affecting your family, we want to help you find a solution. That's why we've put together this "Citizens' Guide to the Washington State Legislature." This guide will provide you with information about the state legislature, contact numbers for your elected officials, and a number of toll free resources to help you address a wide variety of concerns.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rep. Al O'Brien

Rep. Jeanne Edwards

## Town Hall Meeting

**Date:** *Saturday, March 10*

**Time:** *10 AM to 12 Noon*

**Place:** *Northshore Senior Center  
10201 E. Riverside Dr.  
Bothell, WA 98011*

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## ***How We Can Help You***

### ***You're always welcome to contact us, especially if:***

#### ***You have a problem with a state agency***

Don't hesitate to call or write if you're having a difficult time getting an answer from a state agency. We'll work with you to secure answers you need to get the problem resolved.

#### ***You have questions or comments about legislation***

We need to know what you think about proposals in the Legislature. Please call or write if you want to know more about a proposed law or an issue you've heard about. We'll send you copies of bill details and other information – whatever it takes to answer your question.

#### ***You have an idea for legislation***

Contact us whenever you have an idea that you think should be a state law, or if you want to get rid of an existing law. The best ideas come directly from citizens.

#### ***You want to testify before a committee***

If you feel strongly about a bill or issue, please consider testifying before a legislative committee. Legislators need to hear what people think. Our offices can let you know when hearing dates are scheduled.

#### ***You just need help***

If you need a suggestion to resolve a problem, we'll do our best to help.

# First District Report

## Citizen's Guide to the Washington State Legislature



### The Legislature

Washington state is governed by a citizens' legislature. Members are elected from their communities and come from a variety of backgrounds: teachers, farmers, fire fighters, and a wide range of people with diverse experiences all serve as legislators.

The Senate has 49 members, and there are 98 representatives in the House. State representatives are elected to two-year terms, while members of the Senate are elected to four-year terms.

### Session

Regular sessions begin the second Monday in January of each year and are limited to 105 days during odd-numbered years and 60 days in even years. Special sessions are called either by a proclamation of the Governor, or by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.



### The Committee System

Over 4,000 bills are introduced during a regular legislative session. To ensure that bills are carefully studied, lawmakers meet in committees. Before a bill can advance, it must receive a public hearing where citizens have an opportunity to testify on the bill's merits. Please contact us if you will be coming to Olympia to testify.

### TVW and the Internet

Technology provides citizens with new ways of participating in the legislative process. TVW is the state's nationally recognized public policy television network providing coverage of committee hearings, floor debates and state government talk programs. The station is broadcast on cable networks throughout the state. For more information, contact the TVW web site: <http://www.tvw.org/>.

Citizens can also access the text of bills, bill reports, schedules and other materials at the Washington State Legislature's web site: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/>.

Citizens can access additional information about state government at:

Access Washington: <http://access.wa.gov/>

### Toll-free Information

Legislative Hotline 1-800-562-6000  
Legislative Hotline (TTY-TDD) 1-800-635-9993  
State Agency Info. 1-800-321-2808  
AIDS Hotline 1-800-272-2437  
Alcohol/Drug Helpline 1-800-562-1240  
Aging/Adult Services 1-800-422-3263  
Attorney General Consumer Div. 1-800-551-4636  
Basic Health Plan 1-800-826-2444  
Business Assist. Hotline 1-800-237-1233  
Children/Families at Risk 1-800-562-5624  
Crime Victims' Advocacy 1-800-822-1067  
Crime Victims' Compensation 1-800-762-3716  
Disability Insurance Benefits 1-800-562-6074  
Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-562-6025  
Ferry Information 1-888-808-7977  
Hazardous Substances 1-800-633-7585  
Hazardous Waste Spill Hotline 1-800-258-5990  
Hospital/Health Service Complaints 1-800-633-6828  
Lottery Winning Numbers 1-800-545-7510  
Medicaid Information 1-800-562-3022  
Missing Children Clearinghouse 1-800-543-5678  
Nursing Home Complaints 1-800-562-6078  
Nursing Home Information 1-800-562-6028  
State Park Information 1-800-233-0321  
State Park Reservations 1-800-452-5687  
Pass Reports 1-800-695-7623  
Recycling Hotline 1-800-732-9253  
Voter Information 1-800-448-4881  
WSP Report Drunk Drivers 1-800-283-7865

## Directory of Government Officials

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(202) 456-1414

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Seattle, WA 98174  
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**Senator Maria Cantwell**  
United State Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
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